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TAGS: EAGR, EEWT, BU, US

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN JOINT STATEMENT

REF: SOFIA 232

PASS AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, ATHENS

1. USDA APPRECIATES EMBASSY COMMENTS AND EARLY RESPONSE.
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PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE JOINT STATEMENT WITH BULGARIA
IS TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR EMBASSY, AGATTACHE, VISITING
OFFICIALS, AND COOPERATORS. WE ENCOURAGE STRENGTHENING OF
WORDING IN THE JOINT STATEMENT TO INSURE SUCH ACCESSIBILITY.

USDA DOES NOT WISH TO INCLUDE AN ANNEX SPECIFYING DATA

EXCHANGES AT THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATION, SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE BULGARIANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES.

THE NORMAL FORUM FOR DISCUSSING THE TYPES OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO BOTH SIDES AS WELL AS FOR FORMALIZING A SCHEDULE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS THE WORKING GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AND TRADE PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE VII OF THE PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT.

2. WE HAVE FORMULATED THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC REQUESTS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THOSE LISTED IN REF CABLE. THIS LIST WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE BULGARIAN SIDE AT THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY AND ATTACHE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED LIST. LIST FOLLOWS:

U.S. REQUESTS FOR BULGARIAN ECONOMIC DATA

	PROPOSED DATE OF AVAILABILITY
DATA REQUESTED	TO U.S.

1. TOTAL AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
OF MAJOR CROPS
GRAINS (WHEAT, BARLEY, MAIZE FOR
GRAIN), SUNFLOWER, SOYBEANS, TOBACCO,
COTTON, SUGAR BEETS AND
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POTATOES MID-FEBRUARY

2. TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
NUMBERS (BY TYPE)
CENSUS DATE JAN 2 MID-FEBRUARY
CENSUS DATE (30 JUNE OR 1 JULY) 31 JULY

3. PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL LIVESTOCK
PRODUCTS-
MEAT BY TYPE, MILK, CHEESE, AND EGGS
ANNUAL JAN.-DEC., AND MID-FEBRUARY
ANNUAL HALF YEAR (JAN-JULY) 31 JULY

4. TOTAL IMPORTS OF MAJOR AGRIC.
COMMODITIES, BY ORIGIN, IN QUAN-
TITY AND VALUE. TOTAL FEED GRAIN
(BARLEY AND CORN), TOTAL OILSEED
MEALS (SOYBEAN MEAL AND SUNFLOWER
MEAL) AND CATTLE HIDES.
ANNUAL JAN.-DEC. AND MID-FEBRUARY
ANNUAL HALF YEAR (JAN-JULY) 31 JULY

5. TOTAL EXPORTS OF MAJOR AGRI.
COMMODITIES, BY DESTINATION IN
QUANTITY AND VALUE. ORIENTAL
TOBACCO, CIGARETTES, WHEAT, CORN,
OILSEEDS
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS, CHEESE, AND
EGGS.
ANNUAL JAN.-DEC. MID-FEBRUARY
ANNUAL HALF YEAR (JAN.-JULY) 31 JULY

6. PLANTING INTENTIONS OR PLANS FOR
SPRING PLANTED CROPS
(BY TYPE OF CROP) MID-APRIL

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7. ESTIMATES OF WINTERKILL OF
FALL PLANTED GRAINS (WHEAT AND
BARLEY) MID-MAY

8. SOWN AREA OF SPRING PLANTED
CROPS MID-JUNE

9. ESTIMATES (PROSPECTS) OF TOTAL
AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION FOR
WHEAT, BARLEY END OF JUNE
SUNFLOWER SEPT.
CORN, SOYBEANS, SUGARBEETS, TOBACCO OCT.

10. SOWN AREA OF WINTER GRAINS
(WHEAT AND BARLEY) NOV.

11. BALANCE SHEETS FOR MAJOR
GRAINS SHOWING PRODUCTION,
TRADE, CARRYOVER, AND TOTAL
UTILIZATION (FOOD USE, FEED
USE, WASTE, SEED USE, INDUSTRIAL ETC) APRIL OF
MARKETING YEAR BASIS FOLLOWING YEAR

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING RE-DRAFT FOR ARTICLE V OF
THE JOINT STATEMENT.

TO INCREASE THE INFORMATION FLOW BOTH PARTIES WILL EXCHANGE
CURRENT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION INCLUDING
PRODUCTION/UTILIZATION AND IMPORT/EXPORT DATA FOR MAJOR
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES INCLUDING FORECASTS ON A CON-
TINUING BASIS THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR OF THIS AGREEMENT. TO
FACILITATE THIS EXCHANGE AND TO FURTHER THE MUTUAL EX-
CHANGE OF AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION AND OTHER MATTERS

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RELATING TO THE JOINT STATEMENT, THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES
AND/OR OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL
AUTHORIZED TO MEET AND CONSULT WITH OFFICIALS IN THE
PARTMENT AND THE MINISTRY ON REQUEST. THE MAIN CONTACT
AT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE AND THE MAIN CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRY ...
REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE MADE BY EITHER
SIDE AND SUBMITTED TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR CONCURRENCE
AND AFFIXED TO THE JOINT STATEMENT AS AN ANNEX. SUCH
ANNEX AND ADDITIONAL ANNEXES AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED
UPON WILL BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE JOINT STATEMENT.
4. IF BULGARIA REQUEST THAT SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC PROJECT
EXCHANGES BE INCLUDED AS AN ANNEX TO THE JOINT STATEMENT,
WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY STATE CONSIDERATION WOULD BE
GIVEN AT WORKING GROUP MEETING.

EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE USDA INTEREST TO HAVE SIGNING TAKE
PLACE IN WASHINGTON. UPON COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATION AND
INITIALING OF JOINT STATEMENT WE WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE
SUGGESTION FOR DATES OF FINAL SIGNING.

USDA AND STATE CONCUR WITH CHANGE IN ARTICLE
VII PROPOSED BY EMBASSY. VANCE

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